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SUBJECT: Formula Issues Discussed in CPA Conference Call on January 28th

The CPA formula conference call "Food Allergy and Food Intolerance in Infants" has been rescheduled for March 18th. The CPA formula conference call that was held on January 28th provided updated information regarding formula policy revisions, contract formula and TWIN formula codes, the reprinting of the WIC Approved Infant Formula and Cereal flyer (WIC-34-1) and Approved Foods poster (WIC-34p).

WIC Approved Infant Formula and Cereal flyer and Approved Foods poster – the flyer and poster have been revised to include the new contract formulas on the market, Enfamil ProSobee LIPIL and Enfamil LactoFree LIPIL, and to remove Enfamil LactoFree, which will no longer be manufactured. The color of the poster and flyer will be changed to green and white to make it easy to distinguish from the current orange and white version.

You will receive the poster a few weeks before the infant flyer. We will be sending each local agency the same quantity that we sent in September. If you need to change the quantity of your order, contact Paula Kanter, Clinical Nutrition Specialist at paula.kanter@tdh.state.tx.us.

Formula policy revisions - Policies FD: 13.0, 14.0, 16.0 and 18.0 have been revised and recently approved by the USDA. Changes to the summary are attached to this memo. The revised policies and effective dates will be sent in a separate memo.

Please note: During the conference call, there was a question concerning how to issue contract formula to participants who are transferring. If it is determined that a transferring participant is due for vouchers, sample formula can be provided to last until their appointment.

Contract formula and TWIN formula codes

- 1) Enfamil ProSobee and Enfamil ProSobee LIPIL- Currently, these formulas are listed together on one voucher. After the next TWIN download, there will be two separate vouchers, with separate codes for rebate purposes. Enfamil ProSobee will be the default contract soy formula. Enfamil ProSobee LIPIL will be provided upon request only and does **not** require a prescription (see memo 03-009).
- 2) Similac Advance concentrate is being assigned a new code, which will be provided in a separate memo. It is listed as a level I approved formula in the Texas WIC Formula Listing dated July 2002.
- 3). Neosure Advance is replacing Neosure. The vouchers have been changed to read Neosure/Neosure Advance during the transition period. The old codes will automatically default to the new codes. The new codes have been provided in a separate memo.

If you have any questions, contact Paula Kanter, Clinical Nutrition Specialist at 512/458-7111, extension 3528 or Roxanne Robison, Special Health Care Needs Nutrition Consultant at extension 3495.

Attachment

Summary of Formula Policy Changes

Attachment to memo 03-012

FD: 13.0 Issuance of Enfamil/LIPIL, ProSobee and LactoFree

- 1. Corrected title and policy to reflect additional LIPIL products.
- 2. Changed the wording of issuance of formula "to children" to "to participants beyond one year of age" (which will then include premature infants).
- 3. Added the requirements for the issuance of contract sample formula when concentrating to dilutions greater than the standard 20 calories per ounce:
 - A prescription (or verbal order) is required if staff is providing instructions for concentrating formula or if sample formula is provided when concentrating formula.
 - Concentrating to 22 or 24 calories per ounce is a Level II approval authority.
 - Concentrating to 27 or 30 calories per ounce is Level III approval authority.
- 4. Added reasons for issuing contract formula to participants beyond one year of age and the designated level of approval authority:
 - Issuing contract formula due to milk allergy, galactosemia, strict vegetarian diet (vegan), or premature infants needing contract formula up to corrected age of one year, is a Level I approval authority.
 - Issuing contract formula due to a diagnosis of developmental disability or delay, for premature infants beyond one year of corrected age or other medical reasons, is a Level III approval authority.

FD: 14.0 Management of Contract Formula Samples

- 1. Changed the policy to allow local agencies to use locally developed contract sample formula logs. The local agency log **must** contain the same "Reason Codes" for issuance as the state agency log. The state agency contract sample formula log will be moved to the "Optional Forms" in the Appendix.
- 2. Removed "supplement until certification appointment date" under the list of reasons for issuing sample formula for scheduling problems. This information was in conflict with the maximum three-day sample formula supply under V.A.
- 3. Changes were made to the number of cans of sample formula to provide when concentrating formula to 22, 24 and 27 calories. This was due to the can size changes to contract formulas.

FD: 16.0 Issuance of Medical Nutrition Products and Formulas other than Enfamil/LIPIL, ProSobee and LactoFree

- 1. Added "LIPIL" and "Advance" to appropriate Mead Johnson and Ross formula products.
- 2. Changed the maximum length of issuance guidelines for Neosure Advance and EnfaCare LIPIL. The new guidelines use infant's weight instead of number of week's gestation.
- 3. A statement was added to the policy: Breastfeeding women shall not receive the enhanced breastfeeding food package when the infant is issued a human milk fortifier (a USDA mandate).
- 4. Added contract formulas concentrated to 22 and 24 calories to Level II with a reference to Policy FD: 13.0. Added contract formula concentrated to 27 and 30 calories to Level III approval authority with a reference to Policy FD: 13.0.
- 5. Under III.B.5: added "or the physician requests less than the maximum amount allowed" as a reason to issue a formula voucher with code "999.
- 6. Under Guidelines: added reference to the Formula Listing on the WIC website.
- 7. Added Isomil DF under Level I approval authority with the reasons for issuance: diarrhea due to gastrointestinal virus/infection or antibiotic. Maximum length of issuance: ten days in conjunction with another formula that the infant normally receives or as prescribed by the prescriptive authority.